Sardar Sarovar Dam

2690. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target date for completion of the Sardar Sarovar Dam as per the Tribunal's Order;

(b) whether there is any delay in construction of the Dam; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam was delayed due to delay in land acquisition and rehabilitation by Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) As per Tribunal Award, the construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam was required to be completed by December, 1989.

(b) and (c) For want of environment and forest clearance, the works of main dam could not be started till April, 1987. However, as far as construction of dam is concerned there is no delay vis-a-vis approved programme.

Drinking water to Basin States

2691. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting was held on February 3 and 4, 1992 by the Chairman, Central Water Commission regarding allotment of drinking water to Basin States on ad-hoc basis;

(b) whether Rajasthan State's requirements of drinking water, for wild life, Ghana Sanctuary and irrigation in that State which comes to 3.505 MAF were also discussed at the above mentioned meeting; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what amount of drinking water on ad-hoc basis is likely to be allotted to Rajasthan during 1992-93 and by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the decisions taken in the Inter-State meeting of the Chief Ministers of Basin States on sharing of Yamuna Waters held on 10-1-92, separate meetings were taken with the representatives of the States by the Chairman, Central Water Commission and Secretary (Water Resources) with a view to assess the drinking water needs of the various States on a common norm basis for the projected population in the year 2001 AD within the drainage basin of river Yamuna. Meetings with the representatives of Government of Rajasthan were held on 3rd and 4th February, 1992. During those meetings Rajasthan made additional demands including the one for wildlife in Ghana Sanctuary over and above the one arrived at on the basis of the common norms.

(c) On the basis of these discussions and keeping in view the limited availability of surplus Yamuna waters, a draft agreement giving various alternatives for allodation of surplus Yamuna waters, on an ad hoc basis for drinking water requirements has been worked out and circulated to Basin States for consideration at the next Inter-State meeting of the Chief Ministers scheduled for 28th March, 1992. The allocation for Rajasthan's drinking water needs would depend upon the agreement amongst the Basin States.

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2692. श्री रणजीत सिंह :
डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 2 जनवरी, 1992 के 'इकोनोमिक टाइम्स' में प्रकाशित "प्रोजेक्ट कोस्ट्स सोर, सब आप्टिमल